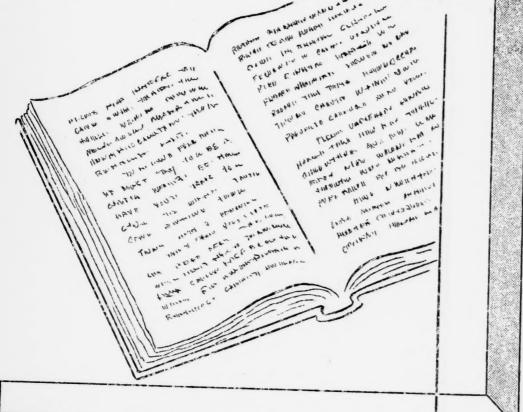
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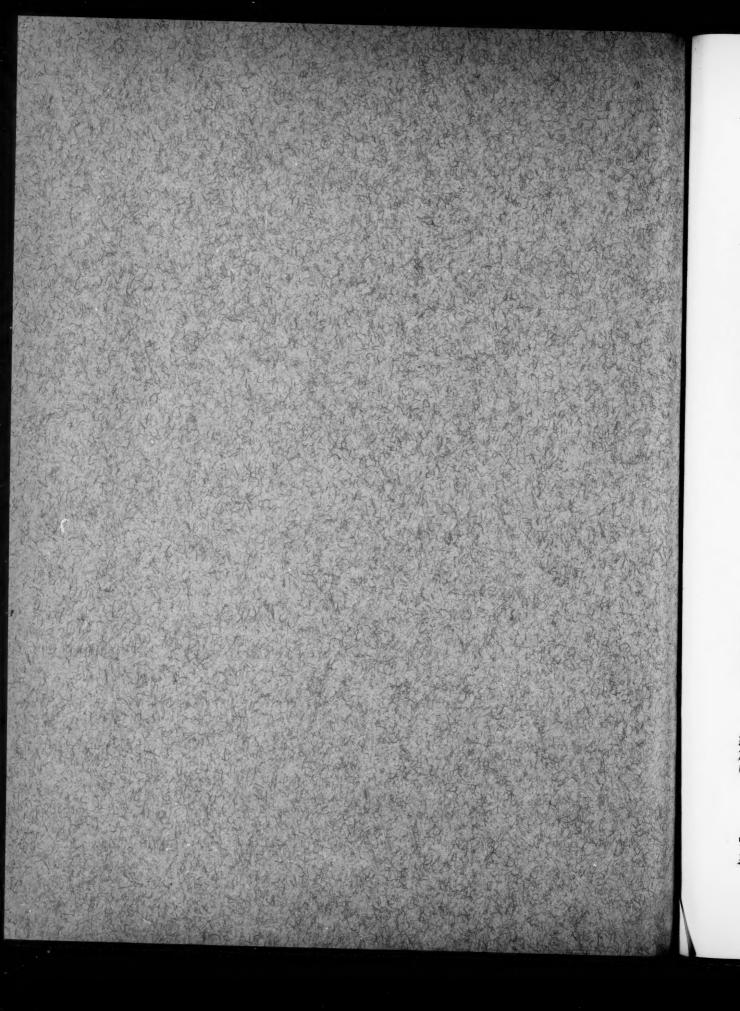
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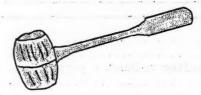
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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



T am pleased that the Editor of the Quarterly gives the MSLA President the space to greet you in each issue. I want to feel that I have some communication with the members of the Association throughout the year.

Elsewhere, you will find committees for the year listed. I hope all chairmen will contact members of their committees immediately and that the work of the committee will go forward.

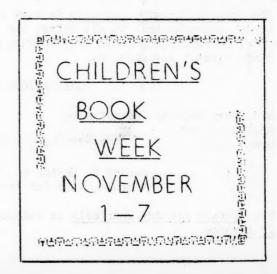
While I'm on the subject of commuication, I want to comment on the answering of letters. From my experience in getting replies from some committee members, I have a feeling that we are all too guilty of postponing correspondence. When so much of the Association's business is dependent on writing back and forth, it is important for us all to answer mail promptly. know how busy the day gets in every library, and the temptation is to procrastinate. If we could keep handy a supply of post cards, we can often scrawl an answer and post it in the return mail. This will expedite our business considerably.

I hope all of you are busy making friends for libraries. The groundwork for a successful legislative program must begin much earlier than the opening of the legislative session.

Have you mentioned the May meeting in Great Falls to your trustees and friends? If you begin discussing the meeting now, you will give them ample opportunity to save the dates and to be planning to attend.

I would especially appreciate having program suggestions for the May meeting. If you have an idea for a meeting or subjects you'd like discussed, please write me a note.

Alma Jacobs





A FABLE FOR LIBRARIANS

With most humble apologies to James Thurber

Once upon a time there was a community of little white owls, all of whom were excellent housekeepers. They kept their houses clean and although most of the houses were old, they were always neat. The children were well cared for too, and there was much visiting in the different houses. The little white owls had ideas for improving their many homes, but there was never enough money. One day, the great grey owls who ran the community decided that outsiders should be brought in to tell the little white owls what needed to be done to improve their The little white homes. thought this an unnecessary expenditure of money; after all, they knew what to do if only someone would provide the wherewithal. But their opinion wasn't really asked. So the great grey owls brought in a pleasant and easy-going sort of kiwi who knew all about kiwis' houses, and talked about control processes, and consistency scores and normative content and whether certain things would have a degree of face validity. The kiwi called in other helpers, some of the great grey owls, a peacock who was so hidden behind his tail that no one ever did find out what he studying. There was even a penguin, although he was kept pretty much in the background. The study went on

for years and years and strange birds were always turning up in the homes of the little white owls when least expected. It was most disconcerting, for being short of funds, the little white owls could not always invite them to dinner. And the questions they Finally, the study was declared to be complete and all the kiwis and peacocks and even the penguin were seen no more. Then the great grey owls called the little white owls together and said, "See what we have done for you! Here is the study all finished and all you have to do is to get the money so that you can implement the recommendations these wonderful creatures have given you!"

But the little white owls went sadly back to their homes and picked up the work they'd been doing when they were interrupted. You see, no one had thought to get them any funds to get the help to carry out these wonderful ideas that they'd long ago thought up for themselves.

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BOOKS IVE

"Reading Without a Purpose"

Patricia Paylore*

My housemate calls me a retarded reader. She bases this on the fact that I was going on fifty before I ever read The Wind in the Willows. I read it then as a part of what might be called a program of planned purposelessness. I'm glad I finally got around to it, for I was forgetting, during the quarter of a century that I have been concentrating on the southwestern Americanathat is my trademark, so to speak, that it was possible to laugh with a book. (I don't know whether to be glad or sorry that Peter Green in his new biography of Kenneth Grahame insists that the reader of <u>The</u> Wind in the Willows acknowledge the underlying political and social meaning for which Grahame created the book as a vehicle.) Anyhow, now through the desert winter nights I lay abed reading it simply and pleasurably, often laughing aloud until Phyllis would come to stand in my bedroom door to ask, "Where are you now? Now what are they doing? Have you met Badger yet? Don't you simply love Rat?" I truly believe there was never devised a more ecstatic expression than Mr. Toad's "Pooppoop", nor would it be easy to find another passage in literature quite *Miss Paylore is Assistant Librarian, University of Arizona. She has written for various national library periodicals and we proud that she has written this for us.

as moving as the almost mystical search for the lost baby otter.

I was firm about the year I had allowed myself to read without a purpose, intent on my aimlessness, bragging a little about it, feeling a little virtuous about my apos-I read tasy. at random, assorted hodgepodge of old and new, re-reading almost forgotten things like The Sun Also Rises as I tried to recapture whatever it was about it that had made me so sad thirty years before; or following a chance encounter with Henry Adams back into the time of Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Four Kings; then forward, without reason, to The Turn of The Screw, quarrelling amiably with Phyllis because she was as stubborn in her refusal to read James as I was to read her precious Walden.

Summer came. At the beach in a wonderful supermarket which haunted daily in a futile attempt to assuage our prodigious sea-airinduced appetites, I searched the paperback rack, drawn inevitably by the smoking guns and the riders silhouetted against the setting suns. No, I thought to myself, and resolutely looked on with what I now believe was a kind of curious fatality. Discouraged, I was about to turn away when I glanced behind a what I call bosom book, and there, looking at me as much as to say, "I thought you'd never find me!" was Ray Bradbury's Dandelion Wine.

Autobiographical, I suppose, Dandelion Wine is an account of the twelfth summer of a boy as remarkable as any boy in literature I know, and as ordinary. This boy doesn't yet know the Fahrenheit temperature at which books burn, nor has he yet experienced in his imagination the lonely independence of the astral pilot, restlessly earthbound as he awaits his next journey through the black silence of space -- knowledge which charac-

terizes his literary father's bestknown novels -- but he does know other things, more important things, more earth-shaking, simpler. He knows the winged feet of new tennis shoes and the unbearable sorrow of a companion's leaving and the suspense of time and the anguish of no more trolleys and the burden of knowing and above all the sense "wonder before . of Schweitzer's life". Sometimes known to adults as a legacy of childhood, seldom are these things remembered with the intensity and meaning that they have for this boy. To me this was truly emotion recollected in Bradbury's tranquillity, resulting in a prose poetry as warming as the dandelion wine whose concoction symbolizes this unforgettable summer.

Well, I almost made it. But a month before the end of my foolish schedule, I defected. Stranded in

the St. Paul-Minneapolis airport, homesick in that rainy green land where the spring burgeoning of plant life overwhelmed and oppressed me, I bought a copy of Oakley Hall's Warlock. The book was in my lap as I flew westward into the darkening day and I found it strangely hard to read. The style was awkward, confused, deliberately so, thought crossly. But the landscape was real! Warlock of course is Tombstone, and the cast and the scenery were as familiar to me as the University of Arizona campus. Plodding doggedly on, chapter after chapter, I began gradually to see that this western was a strange amalgam of every western written, with something else thrown I had realized vaguely that in. the "psychological" western was a new trend, as apparent on television as on the newsstand, but this was my first experience with it.

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I can't say I recommend Warlock exactly. I find it a caricature in many ways: the over-peopled gaudy canvas without a character missing -- the good prostitute, the drunken judge, Apaches, rustlers, the banished medic, and the U.S. Army -and the repititious elements of violence, bludgeoned tirelessly but tiringly into the reader's brain, not once as in the classic simplicity of The Virginian or High Noon again and again -- outlaw against citizen, deputy against outlaw, gambler against friend, and finally marshal against deputy, until the scene is burned into the mind like the bullet that endlessly finds its proper mark.

But for all these faults, in Warlock for the first time in my experience there is exposed the painful probing to fill in the shades between the old-fashioned black and white. We see it in the journals of Goodpasture, the citizen, as he sits at his desk by lamplight each night, trying to bring to bear his unusual intellectual background on troubled violence that is Warlock's. We see it in the tortured searching of Deputy Gannon into his own motivation as he tries to walk the knife-edge of truth. We see it most painfully, perhaps, in the Marshal, torn with a pain that is beyond bearing as he recognizes bitterly the role he is doomed to fill: the empty street, the unseen audience, the lean and tortured hero with his dark shadow cast long before him, the villain face, the moment of face to appraisal that lasts forever in a second of measured time, the reluctant lightning draw and the obscuring gunsmoke. It clears away finally and we look upon the ground to see who has fallen.

Why do we ever doubt? And yet -- and yet --.

To recognize the hold that these

primitive protagonists have on our hearts and imagination is to concede that we, too, long on various levels of our subconscious to be cast in a role where we can act, not be paralyzed by the civilized behavior that modern society has imposed upon us.

What am I reading now? Why, all that southwestern Americana I missed during that wonderful year of purposelessness!

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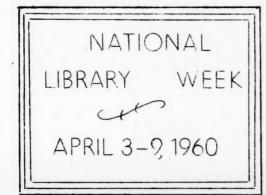
CHET HUTLEY

SAYS:

(Editor's Note: In a radio broadcast from Missoula we heard Mr. Huntley admonish people to read, read, read. So we asked him if he would write a couple of brief paragraphs, expanding his idea a little. Here then is a message from a Montanan to his fellow-Montanans)

The "reading habit" is essential to responsible citizenship in any modern, enlightened nation. To be sure, the great ideas of the twentieth century vie with each other in all the media of communication; but it is in print where those ideas clash in awesome combat.....where the contest goes far beyond skirmishing.

The library is a veritable truth factory. There on the shelves the great debate goes on. Darwin and Huxley carry on their conversations. Copernicus argues with Newton. Einstein and Fermi interject. Imagine the argument, the laughter, the shouts.....the incomparable discourse.....which goes on in a library at night, when the lights go out and the immortals of all the civilizations begin testing their convictions one against the other.



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FALEDOS

Beverly Bemis

Help Encourage Library Progress

Since our last visit together in Livingston at Montana State Library Association, I have had the pleasant opportunity to meet a great many new Friends at the Home Demonstration Council. Bess McClelland invited me to attend and to take part in the program at their meeting in June. Many of the Home Demonstration clubs are enrolled with us as official Friends of the Library and are doing a fine job of encouraging the use of libraries in their communities. The results of Amy Wold's "Reading Poll" are certainly noteworthy and I was delighted to see that so many of the members are spending so much of their time reading.

I had a preview of Montana's Progress Report for 1959, prepared for the Library Services Branch in Washington, D.C. by Ruth Longworth. She tells me you will all soon receive a copy and I know that you, too, will be impressed. The news of two new federations - making a total of four in the state - is very good indeed. I am so pleased to have had a share in one of the first. We had a meeting of the Five Valleys Federation just last week and what a pleasure it was to see the interest and enthusiasm of all of the fine people who are working together in such friendly accord! When I look back upon our past two years and see how far we

have come, I am very proud to have had a part in this program.

All good Friends who are in the areas that are now starting a demonstration, truly have an opportunity for service. I know from our experience how much we need the help of the Friends - to publicize the program and to stimulate interest in the use of all of the exciting new books that will soon be available. In the areas where there are plans for future federations, our work is cut out for us, too. Better library service through cooperation can surely come about through our efforts.

Ruth brought home a quote from the trustee's meeting that preceded the American Library Association Conference in Washington. One of the trustees said "What we need is a militant cohesive force of people

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The pleasantest part of my job is reporting activities of the Friends in the state. The B.P.W. in Butte provided a scholarship for summer quarter in Library Service for one of their members. Friends in many places could follow this example with profit. The shortage of trained librarians is acute, but we do have two undergraduate programs in both the Montana State University and Montana College in the state and graduate programs in both the University of Denver and the University of Washinton.

Soon I will be sending letters out, inviting individuals to join and asking clubs to have representation in the Montana State Library Association. We have had surprisingly good results from these invitations. Where we have the best response is where a Friend invites a friend. We can be that large cohesive group that is "pro" if you will help!

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Letitia Johnson

Greetings to you!

Let's get acquainted.

Your officers are Frances Wells, Vice-Chairman and Chairman-elect; Sylvia Lillehaugen, Secretary; Jane Carey, Treasurer. Past chairman Bill Pate and MSLA representative Inez Herrig are on the Executive Board of our Division.

Acquaint yourself with the recently published Northwest Accrediting Standards. Your administrator has a copy; you can read the library section in two minutes. Elementary school standards are available from our State Department of Public Instruction now and the high school standards are expected soon.

The American Library Association Standards for School Libraries will be published early in 1960. They will serve as worthy goals in this state that has such a potential for development.

Your Division of MSIA has applied to AIA to become one of the six "pilot" states for the implementation of the new standards. The aims of the pilot program are to acquaint school personnel, especially librarians and administrators, with the standards and to promote an improved library program and services for the school children in the state.

Acquaint your administrators with your work by making periodical reports; phrase your report to be an effective tod in a busy man's hands when he is interpreting your program to the school board, the Rotary (e.g.), or the P.T.A. Each report can also point out some area of possibility for improvement.

Get acquainted with other teacherlibrarians by attending your sectional meeting and the library breakfast or luncheon at MEA conventions. You don't have to have an organization (or pay any dues) to get together with other school librarians in your area for a luncheon -- or a supper -- after a Saturday at some shopping center. If you haven't heard from Jane Carey, Glendive Senior High Frances Wells, Helena Senior High School, or Sylvia Lillehaugen, Missoula County High School, Higgins Ave. Bldg.; write the one closest to you for suggestions on schoollibrarian morale boosters.

Go with some of your library assistants or library club members to regional or state meetings of the Montana Student Librarians--it sparks interest and builds loyalties.

Make this the year you join other school librarians in their Division at the annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association in centrally located Great Falls the first week-end in May.

It's going to be fun; you come too!

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(Editor's Note: This continues our series of articles about our friends, who advertise in the Quarterly. The Editor is indebted to Mr. W. F. Hogan, Advertising Manager of Gaylord Bros. Inc. for the material from which this was written)

II. Gaylord Bros. Inc.

To all librarians the name "Gaylord Bros." is a synonym for dependable service and quality in library supplies and equipment. Here in Montana we think of their establishment in Stockton, California, since that is the distribution point for us. Actually the Company was founded in Syracuse, N.Y. and there the main office still is.

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1926 the western branch at Stockton was opened to serve the growing libraries on the west coast and in the Rocky Mountains, and it has expanded steadily. In line with the Company's slogan of "Service, Quality, New Ideas" there has been steady growth and expansion in both the Syracuse and Stockton plants, with new products being added constantly. In both places building additions became necessary and were erected in 1956. Pictures reproduced in Gaylords' Triangle for September 1956 show the contrast between the old roll-

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cation, it has progressed to a monthly, except for July and August. Its name was taken from the basic principles of the Company, Superior Quality, Prompt Service, Original Ideas, which, combined in a symbol, formed a triangle. Today over 18,000 copies of Gaylords' Triangle are published and distributed, not only in this country, but throughout the world.

The increasing appreciation and use of libraries, due basically to the constant and dedicated work of librarians over the years, and now dramatized by such things as the Library Services Act, and National Library Week, will have its effect on Gaylord Bros. too, in increased business for time-tested materials and in demands for new products in this electronic age.

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Alice M. Ridenour

The Golden Jubilee Conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association is now past history, and for those in attendance it was a very stimulating and worthwhile meeting. Over 425 librarians and friends registered for the three day meeting, September 2-4, on the University of Washington campus in Seattle. Montana had at least eleven members in attendance this year.

The majority of the general sessions were devoted to addresses dealing with either PNLA's history and past achievements or its future plans. The emphasis was on sentiment, not sentimentality. Among the outstanding speakers were the following ones from outside the region. Lester Asheim, Dean of Graduate Library School, University of Chicago Milton Abrams, Utah State University Library; John Kaiser, Retired Director of Newark, New Jersey, Library; Mrs. Gretchen K. Schenk, Library Consultant, ALA and David Clift, ALA. At a luncheon Thursday five charter members of PNLA were honored and a list of the living charter members was given in the program. Among them was Mrs. Blaine Hallock of Billings who was on the Portland library staff in 1909.

The banquet on Friday evening at the Olympic Hotel was a gala affair Margaret Clay, Chairman, B.C. Public Library Commission, proved to be, as usual, a delightful toastmistress and the Rt. Rev. Stephen F. Bayne, Bishop of Olympia, gave a very worthwhile and enjoyable talk on the value of

the book in our present civilization. Also the boat trip through the locks into the Sound on Thursday afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all even though the weather did not completely cooperate with the Local Arrangements Committee.

This was the year for the divisions according to type of work to meet, so the Reference Division, Catalog Division, Circulation Division, Library Education Division and Division of Work with Children and Young People held separate business and program meetings. Author's Breakfast it was announced that Fred Gipson had won the Young Readers' Choice Award this year for book "Old Yeller". tunately Mr. Gipson could attend, but his long letter of acceptance was read and it proved to be one of the high lights of the conference.

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the year.

The new officers of the Association are as follows: President, Irving Lieberman; First Vice-President, Arthur L. DeVolder; Second Vice-President, Alta M. Grim; Treasurer, Rodney Waldron; Past President, Ronald Ley.

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Mrs. Hugh F. McNamer

Report of the 1959 Trustee Institute of the American Association of Library Trustees Washington, D.C., June 20-22nd

In June of this year I was asked by Mrs. Robert Warden, state membership chairman for the American Association of Library Trustees, to attend the AALT Trustee Institute in Washington, D.C., as her alternate. Officers of the MSLA were very anxious that the trustees in our state be represented at the Institute, and so I accepted their invitation to attend in Mrs. Warden's place.

The Institute was sponsored by the American Library Association and was held on the two days preceding the official opening of the ALA's National Convention in Washington, D.C., on June 22nd. Most of its sessions were held in the beautiful Shoreham Hotel. On June 22nd, however, the National Assembly of Library Trustees which includes all state chairmen of the AALT and is the policy-making body of that organization held meetings on Capitol Hill in the old Senate Rules Committee Room and the old Supreme Court Chambers. I was permitted to attend these meetings as an official observor, in our state chairman's absence.

At the end of these three days of meetings with other trustees from all over the United States, I fully appreciated the importance of membership in the AALT for Montana trustees. This national organization works the year around to keep trustees everywhere informed

and interested participants in the work to provide better library service, locally and on a nationwide scale. Its annual Institute allows library board members from the four corners of the map to meet and discuss mutual problems.

There were 208 trustees registered for the Institute with the majority of these from eastern seaboard and southern states. However, such far western states as Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Arizona, as well as Montana, were represented. From 75 to 100 librarians also attended the meetings. Their presence was very helpful when discussing policy questions that directly concerned the librarian.

The keynote address of the conference was delivered by Mr. David H. Clift, Executive Director of the ALA, on Saturday morning, June 20th, in the main ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel. The theme of his address was "The Library--A Tool to Build a Better America," and in it he stressed the important role the public library must assume today providing adult education opportunities in a rapidly changing America.

At two o'clock that afternoon all participants in the Institute were asked to take part in round table These discussions discussions. covered a wide variety of topics and were listed as follows: A Trustee's Responsibility for - 1. Personnel policies, 2. Policies on use of buildings, 3. Material selection policies, 4. Public relations policies, 5. Extension of services, 6. Securing financial support and 7. Relations governmental bodies. Discussion tables were numbered according to topic, and we were asked to sit at any one that interested us.

I took part in a discussion on extension of services with people

from Brookline, Massachusetts, Portland, Oregon, Hartford, Connecticut, Mobile, Alabama and Tucson, Arizona. All of our problems were fundamentally the same, although the size of our libraries varied greatly. One decision arrived at by this group arose out of the question: Who is responsible for deciding if service should be extended (via bookmobiles, branches, book loans, etc.) -- the librarian, the board or an outside agency? On the basis of our shared past experiences, we concluded that the advisory services of an outside agency, such as the State Library, should be requested by the board or librarian in making such decisions.

Saturday evening all On the trustees reconvened at a banquet in the Palladian Room of the Shoreham Hotel. Mr. Jack Dalton, Director of the ALA International Relations Office, extended the theme of the Institute that night in his speech, "The Library - A Tool to Build A Better World." In it he told of his world travels as a representative of the ALA and of American attempts to provide more opportunities for good reading for the peoples in many underdeveloped areas of the world. The great problem, he lamented, in establishing "book banks" in such places was, of course, their great need for basic educational facilities.

At ten o'clock on Sunday morning we were again asked to take part in group discussions under the general heading "Problems of the American Public Library." Again, there were sub-headings for us to choose from. These were:

- 1. The need for development of a public relations program to secure public recognition of libraries as educational institutions.
- 2. The need for more, larger and more productive state trustee organizations.

- 3. The need for understanding of the differing roles of librarians and trustees.
- 4. The need for a measurement of library usefulness other than circulation figures.
- 5. The need for increased ability on the part of trustees in securing adequate financing from local appropriating bodies.

With five other people, I discussed the need for improved state trustee organizations. The joint statement arrived at by our group was as follows: "More incentives should be provided by state library associations to encourage trustee participation in strong state trustee associations. One such incentive could be an award, presented annually, to the most effective board in the state - boards to be nominated by their librarians."

Later that morning an address by the outgoing president of the AALT, Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, brought special emphasis to bear on this problem we'd been discussing. Mrs. Moore observed that state trustee organizations could be strengthened by individual memberships in the AALT. Membership in the national group can, and often does, precede a strong state organization, she said, because the AALT offers invaluable suggestions and help to individual trustees planning to organize on a statewide level. Her argument for strong state trustee associations was based on her conviction that certain projects for improving library service can only be handled by such effectively large groups. These attempts to obtain or increase state aid to libraries through political measures, as well as attempts to influence government officials to raise their standards in making trustee appointments. Mrs. Moore believes that "no trustee is an island," and that trustees everywhere can operate more effectively by joining with state and national organizations to achieve their ends.

A reception on Sunday evening gave us all a chance to meet the new AALT president, Mrs. Raymond Young. Mrs. Young, a member of the Missouri State Library Commission, is a charming person with every qualification to carry on the spirited leadership of her predecessor, Mrs. Moore.

It was a real, and unearned, honor for me to represent the state of Montana at the meetings of the AALT on Monday. As mentioned previously, this assembly is the policy-making body of the national organization and membership is, generally, restricted to chairmen of the state trustee organizations. Because our state chairman, Mrs. Robert Warden, was unable to attend, I was permitted, as her alternate, to sit with the Assembly as an official observer. In this role I witnessed the workings of the AALT at its highest level. One of the things that impressed me most was a very complete and knowledgeable report on the future prospects of the Library Services Act by Miss Germaine Krettek, Director of the Washington Office. Miss Krettek exhorted all members of the AALT to make themselves heard by their representatives in Congress in urging the full appropriationallowed under the Act.

I won't attempt to recreate all the animated and productive discussions by trustees from all over the country that motivated this meeting. Instead, I'll distill it, for brevity's sake, into some of the more important motions that were passed that day. First, a resolution was adopted which approved continuation of the Library Services Act and the principle of federal aid to libraries. A motion was also passed to recommend to the executive board of the AALT that a

committee be appointed to work on National Library Week. A motion to instruct delegates to the National Assembly to act as a liaison between their state libraries and trustee associations in their states was then passed. Finally, a recommendation was passed on to the AALT executive board that a trustee institute should be held at Montreal in 1960 for a two-day period.

In concluding, let me urge all trustees genuinely interested in improving library service in Montana to join the AALT at some early date by writing to Mrs. Robert Warden, 208 Third Ave. No., Great Falls, Montana, and to seriously consider attending the Montreal Institute next year. You will join hundreds of people there from cities and hamlets all over the country who are dedicated to the same task that you are. With them you will discuss mutual problems in library administration and development and you will, thereby, arrive at some gratifying solutions to your own. Your imaginations will be sparked by creative action taken by library boards elsewhere to increase circulation, extend services, provide adult education programs, etc.

Why not plan your annual vacation to the beautiful province of Quebec, and, while there, spend a profitable two days with the AALT at the 1960 Trustee Institute? Such a break would enhance the interest of a vacation trip, and you would be doing a true service to your native state--Montana.

GOOD NEWS! I have just heard from Ruth Longworth, Executive Secretary of the State Library Extension Commission. She tells me we are all to be invited to a Montana Trustee's Conference next May in Great Falls. I shall look forward to meeting you there!

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(Editor's Note: This verse was published in the New York Times Magazine for March 16, 1947, and is reproduced here by kind permission of the New York Times. At the time the New York Public Library was experiencing difficulty in getting the necessary support to continue its services. We think there are times in the life of every librarian when this poem expresses her feelings. Hence our decision to reprint it.)

Only a library limping along, Needy, seedy, not very strong. Only a library, books and such, Asking a pittance. Who cares much? Workers leaving as things grow tougher? Only a library. Let it suffer. Feed its pigeons, they're so cute, But leave the library destitute.

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The Library Services Act in Montana

Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth

Montana now has two new federations of libraries, making a total of four in the state. The Sagebrush Federation in Eastern Montana is newly organized and a two-county regional library with the Great Falls Public Library as the Center is ready for operation.

The Sagebrush Federation includes five counties: Garfield, Carter, Fallon, Powder River and Custer. Miles City will be the Center and Mrs. Clare Smith, Librarian of the Carnegie City Library, is the Coordinator. This federation will be patterned after the two now in existence in Montana and will share in the services of a bookmobile, centralized processing, and an inservice training program for all of the participating librarians.

The Great Falls Public Library now has a contract for service with the long established Cascade County Library, also located in Great Falls. Pondera County and the Conrad Public Library will continue to receive service from Great Falls, as they have this past year. The adjoining county of Teton has expressed interest in becoming a part of the system, so the present region may soon include three counties. All of this has been accomplished with local funds. A bookmobile will be purchased during fiscal '60 by the state with federal money but all costs of operation, personnel and books will be supplied by local budgets. The program will be under the fine supervision of Alma Jacobs, Librarian of the Great Falls Public Library.

The Northwest Federation of Libraries with Inez Herrig as coordinator, will assume the costs of bookmobile operation. Centralized processing of books will continue, paid this next year with money saved from last year's allotment to that area. Plans are to assume full costs on a local basis as of July 1, 1960.

Five Valleys Federation will continue centralized book purchase and processing on a self-supporting basis. It is not certain at this time that bookmobile service will be supported by local funds, but the hope is that if this must be curtailed for the present, service can surely be resumed at an early future date. The librarians and the Boards of Trustees of the participating libraries, the bookmobile patrons and all good Friends are working hard to assure a future of fine cooperative library service.

Counties throughout the state are looking into the possibility of extended service to the rural areas. Richland County is circulating petitions asking for county support, so that the area will be ready for the next demonstration in Eastern Montana with Glendive as the center. Fergus County will follow this procedure at an early date as a first step toward a federation with the center at Lewistown. Park County residents are also busy, investigating ways and means to achieve rural service there and are looking into the possibilities of a future federation with adjoining counties.

A total of 149,926 people in thirteen counties with some library service prior to the beginning of the State Plan, now receive improved or extended service.

1959 was a legislative year for Montana. Countless library friends throughout the state made every effort to secure legislative ap-

proval of the requested budget for the State Agency - heart-warming evidence of interest and concern for good library service. Although the Commission did not receive its full request, the fact that the budget was increased from \$62,346.00 to \$78,544.00 for the biennium is a fine testimony to the support of the many good friends.

State-wide services from Headquarters have been extended and increased.

The Commission staff has traveled 30,734 miles within the state, making 118 visits to public 11-braries. 27 of these included conferences with the library Boards and on 46 occasions, meetings with friends and citizens groups. Over and above these visits, the Secretary had 20 meetings with Boards of County Commissioners to dis-

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With the exception of 6 visits during National Library Week, all of the library visits were spent giving on-the-job help with library problems. Ten large weeding jobs were undertaken, five catalogs were completed and filed. Better public relations programs have been instituted and library routines simplified.

Three general workshops were held, one on public relations, another on Story Telling and one with the Agricultural Extension Service personnel and librarians, to explore ways and means of cooperative effort between the two services. The coordinators had a meeting in Livingston in May and a large meeting was held in Miles City with all members of Sagebrush Federation last November.

Montana Libraries. The quarterly publication of the State Agency has increased circulation to 1600; a regular monthly news letter has been sent to all public libraries and another to the school librarians of the state; 10,000 copies of a brochure "Your State Library Serves You" have been printed and given wide distribution; releases too numerous to tabulate: National Library Week, to Friends, librarians, and trustees, information leaflets and letters on a variety of subjects have been sent out regularly throughout the year. Articles have appeared in many magazines and periodicals: Montana Parent Teacher, Montana Woman, Montana Education, Farmer-Stockman, Montana Trustee, The Wilson Library Bulletin and others.

Reading lists. "Books for Today's World," prepared for the Home Demonstration Clubs.

"Montana Books," books about Montana of general interest for school and public libraries: a selected list.

Reading list for "The Montana Institute of the Arts."

Checklist of books by Montanans or about Montana, 1958 (reissue)

"Recommended reading for PTA" (reissue)

In preparation is a reprinting of Montana Library Laws, a Directory of Montana Librarians, two Montana lists, one for children of the elementary grades and one for Junior High reading level, and a Manual for Small Public Libraries.

9,544 books have been centrally processed at Headquarters this past year. This service has been provided for all the member libraries of the Five Valleys Federation and the total figure includes all books processed for these libraries as well as the State Agency collection. 25,867 books were circulated from Headquarters to libraries, schools and individuals. This figure is 3,423 lower than last year and on analysis of statistics shows that the decrease is in service to in-Patrons earlier dedividuals. pendent entirely on direct service from the Commission have received books through the bookmobiles or through the newly established county-wide services. Usually a lower circulation figure is cause for concern but in this instance it is evidence of an improved situation, with services strengthened in many local areas.

A total of 45 talks were given by members of the staff at public meetings last year. 29 book ex-

hibits were sent out and 31 library programs were provided with the loan of films on library service, sent out from Commission Headquarters.

Reports from the Public Library Film Cooperative at Great Falls are very good indeed. Since September '58 when the service began, 186 films have been circulated. total of 61 films comprise the collection and recently a revised manual listing the holdings was sent to all of the libraries in the state. \$2000.00 of federal funds were provided this past year for the purchase of films and to pay costs of additional equipment and operation. The service is at present free to all public libraries, but later will operate on a subscription basis.

Photocopy service of magazine articles in the Missoula Public Library has continued. As of July 1st, a charge of 15¢ an article will be required for this service, which previously has been free.

Public Library cooperation with school libraries is improved and strengthened through the studies made by the State School Library Committee, appointed by Miss Harriet Miller, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in September, 1958. Public and school librarians, administrators, staff members of the University system and members of the staff of the State Department of Public Instruction are represented on the Committee.

Out of state trips were made to Washington, D.C. for the Assembly of State Librarians in November and again in June for the American Library Association; to Phoenix, Arizona for the Western States Library Extension Conference; to Victoria, B.C. for the Pacific Northwest Library Association and to Seattle, Washington for the

Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center Board of Managers meeting.

In the Northwest Federation of Libraries, two counties with four libraries have joined together in a plan of cooperation: The Carnegie Public Library and the Flathead County Library in Kalispell; the Whitefish Public Library, all three in Flathead County and the Lincoln County Library at Libby. Mrs. Robert Herrig is coordinator and Libby is the center for the Federation.

Circulation records for the two counties with a population of 40,188 total 425,668, an increase of 47,311 over the previous year. Cooperative ordering, processing and cataloging has been done to 4,375 books, bringing the total to 14,380 since the federation was first organized. Cataloging processes have been simplified. Filing time is saved by retyping the carbons for use on the spirit duplicator when necessary. Full cataloging information is available in the union catalog which is now of sizeable proportions.

Bookmobile statistics for this Federation are impressive:

Book serv	ice and loans30,398
Miles tra	weled6,121
Number of	bookmobile stops309
Number of	communities visited60

Since Inez Herrig and Mildred Grawe drive the bookmobile, each in her own county, cost of operation is kept to a minimum. Inez says, "Patrons are very enthusiastic and appreciative of the service. One adult borrower who lives far up in the northern end of the county said, 'The bookmobile is one of the finest things that have ever happened around here! Libraries are alright in the city but we just

couldn't get to them.'" She tells of the forest ranger's wife who requested "Never Marry a Ranger," of the gratifyingly good quality of the special requests, both juvenile and adult.

"Mildred and I find our contacts with our bookmobile patrons heart-warming experience. bestow many acts of courtesies upon us - invite us to lunch, tell us their family and community news to date and share with us some of their heartaches and some of their special happiness. One lady, an elderly patron, who came with others just to see the bookmobile, soon was taking an armload just like the rest. She is moving to town where we have a regular branch but she insists that we come there to see her and if possible, stay overnight.

As these two librarians take to the road with the bookmobile, they are bringing warm and friendly service to the people far from the central library; making good new friends and best of all, bringing books and people together.

Jeane Sturdivant, Librarian of Carnegie City Library, has an excellent report to make on the use of the basement room remodeled into a bright and attractive Activities Room. The room is in constant use: for a Great Books Discussion Group, Childrens' Story Hour, classes from school who come as a group to become acquainted with the library, town groups, Girl Scouts and for regular meetings of the Library Board.

Mable Engelter, Librarian of the Whitefish Library, reports an increase in circulation from 17,629 last year to 29,648 for fiscal '59. She gives whole-hearted endorsement to the centralized processing service and says that she can do a far more effective job as librarian, giving advice and assistance to her

patrons, now that she is relieved of the many clerical details.

Regular book selection meetings are held by these four librarians and all of them find them exceedingly valuable.

The Five Valleys Federation of Libraries with Missoula as the center and with Evelyn Swant as coordinator, includes seven counties: Granite, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli and Sanders, a total of 80,567 people in an area of 14,601 square miles. Missoula, with 22,485 residents, is the only city with a population of over 10,000 in the area.

The seven libraries and the thirteen branches that comprise the federation offer substantial evidence of the value of cooperation. Circulation records show an increase of approximately 18% over the preceding year. All of the libraries were provided with necessary equipment and furniture in the first two years of the demonstration. This year has been spent in helping them in many ways to improve library services. All are now completely cataloged, well supplied with necessary reference books and are building up good, well chosen book collections, all centrally processed at SLEC Headquarters.

A year-round public relations program is in effect in each library, but all-out effort went into the observance of National Library Week in Five Valleys. Teas, Open House, Television programs, Story Hours, displays and art exhibits were tremendously successful in every county.

The bookmobile gave regular service to 39 communities, traveled 23,704 miles and loaned 28,518 books during the past year, making a total of 54,958 books circulated since June, 1957, when the service was started.

Each time the bookmobile driver comes in from a trip, he brings warm messages of appreciation from the many grateful borrowers and friends in the isolated communities. Recent visits have been sad and distressing for he has had to tell his friends that service may be discontinued. "Some of the old folks want to know if they could help pay something," he said. "These are the ones that are going to suffer. And the little children that never get to a library." He is a sensitive young man and shares the feeling of loss that those patrons will experience, should they lose the bookmobile. The aged and the very young are the minority amongst his borrowers, but he knows that the problem of transportation to a library is beyond their resources.

The fact that the bookmobile patrons are so widely scattered and that the communities are sparsely populated has lessened the effectiveness of their appeal to the County Commissioners. They need far more help than it has been possible to give, to point the way to securing tax support for a much desired service. The door has not been closed to future service by any means, but because of protests against any tax increase by a small and vocal minority, some of the Boards of Commissioners would welcome election next year on the question of county library support.

The State Agency takes pleasure in presenting the above report. Progress in Montana these past three years under the Library Services Act is gratifying to all those who are participating in the program and a good future is assured.

The States will receive appropriations based on \$7,500,000 this year. Montana's share will be \$72,427.



news and notes



The first training session for community librarians in the newly organized library system with head-quarters at the Great Falls Public Library was held on Friday, August 14 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Library. Under contracts recently signed with the commissioners of Cascade and Pondera Counties, the Great Falls Public Library will extend library service to the two county area.

Plans for the library service include the operation of a bookmobile, owned by the Montana State Library Extension Commission for use in the area as long as the service is offered. The bookmobile is on order and schedules of stops in the two counties will be published as soon as the unit is delivered. The schedule of stops will include some communities in Cascade and Pondera Counties where there is at present no library.

Today's training session included orientation in the mechanics of the new system; instruction in circulation and registration procedures; explanation of the Dewey Decimal classification scheme; and an introduction to the use of reference materials.

Participating libraries at today's meeting were Belt Public Library; Cascade Public Library, Conrad Public Library and Valier Public Library.

Present at today's session were three library board members from Valier: Mrs. Lyle Marsh, Mrs. A.C. Geiger and Mrs. O. F. Lohse. Librarians present were: Mrs. Frank Lovchik, librarian, Conrad Public Library; Mrs. Violet McGee, librarian, Belt Public Library and Mrs. Charles Reissing, librarian, Cascade Public Library.

Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, librarian, Great Falls Public Library and Mrs. Amy Patterson, head of extension services, Great Falls Public Library, conducted the session with the assistance of other members of the library staff.

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The Silver Spur award of the Western Writers of America has been given to Marian T. Place of Glendive, for juvenile western fiction. The winning book was Steamboat up the Missouri which Mrs. Place wrote under the pseudonym Dale White. It is good to know that her excellent book has received this outstanding recognition. We are proud on two other scores also - that she is a fellow-Montanan and a fellow-librarian.

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The position of Assistant Secretary of the Commission, left vacant upon the resignation of Rita McDonald, has been filled by Mrs.

Ruby McLeod, formerly Consultant for the Nevada State Library. Mrs. McLeod is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and the St. Louis Library School. She has had valuable experience in both the St. Louis and the Los Angeles public libraries before moving to Nevada. As Consultant for the Nevada State Library, she has made an outstanding contribution to the state's program under the Library Services Act. She arrived in time to accompany Miss Luce and Mrs. Longworth on their tour of the State.

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Miss Helen Luce, Library Extension Specialist of the Library Services Branch, visited Montana in September. She toured the state with Ruth Longworth, starting with meetings in Whitefish and Kalispell with the librarians and the Board of the Northwest Montana Federation of Libraries. On Wednesday evening, September 9, she visited the Great Falls Public Library and met with the Board and with members of the new regional library system. On the way to Miles City to meet with the newly established Sagebrush Federation, Miss Luce visited several libraries. She left on Sunday, September 13th.

Margie Ann Camm is back in Montana as librarian for the Air Base library at Glasgow.

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Sagebrush Federation

Custer, Garfield, Carter, Fallon and Powder River counties have joined in the Sagebrush $F_{\rm e}$ deration of Libraries with Miles City as the center and Mrs. Clare Smith as coordinator. Your editor had a visit

with Clare recently and found everything humming with plans and activity. The area covered by this Federation is one of the most sparsely settled in the State and this poses quite a problem. But with two such go-getters as Clare and Ruth sparking the development, and with the evident enthusiasm and support of the people, there is no doubt as to its success. The organization meeting was held July 18th and a workshop was held Sept. 12th.

In talking with me, Clare expressed her delight with the pre-cataloged books for this will enable her to spend more time with patrons in what is truly library work. As the other federations have found, housekeeping jobs like ordering and cataloging can be centralized with great benefit to all.

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Glasgow City-County Library's story hour is attracting a large group of children. It is held Saturday morning and as many as 90 children have come to hear Helen Ewing show them the path to "Once upon a Time".

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Yale University has published a new edition of Joseph Kinsey Howard's "Montana: High, Wide and Handsome." The illustrator is Peter Hurd, nationally known New Mexican artist. A. B. Guthrie has written the introduction.

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Ruth Longworth has scheduled eight library workshops and institutes during October. She urges as many as can to attend the workshop nearest to them, and to let the librarian know in advance. The schedule is as follows:

Anaconda	October	. 3
Great Falls	October	. 6
Chinook0	ctober	10
Billings (Mrs. Myrtle		
Cooper in charge)0		
Bozeman0	ctober	16
Miles City	ctober	19
Glendive0		-
Glasgow0	ctober	24

Montana State College is to have a substantial addition to its library building within the next two years.

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On November 16 in Lewistown, teachers and librarians will participate in an all day institute. School and public librarians and the staff of the Commission will be involved.

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Montana Day, November 8

Children's Book Week, Nov. 1-7

National Library Week, April 3-9, '60



